

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1.-37. (Canceled).

38. (Previously presented) A chimeric NgR1 protein comprising residues 315-327 of NgR2 and the ligand binding domain of NgR1.

39. (Previously presented) The chimeric protein of claim 38, wherein the chimera comprises residues 1-314 of NgR1 and residues 315-327 of NgR2, and residues 354-473 of NgR1.

40. (Previously presented) A chimeric NgR1 protein comprising SEQ ID NO: 21.

41. (Previously presented) The chimeric protein of claim 38, wherein the chimeric protein is soluble.

Claims 42.-74. (Canceled)